

# House File 646 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the offering and completion of a personal  
2 finance literacy curriculum for high school students.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 5, Code 2013, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *k.* One-half unit of personal finance  
4 literacy. All students shall complete at least one-half unit  
5 of personal finance literacy as a condition of graduation.  
6 The personal finance literacy curriculum shall prioritize  
7 involvement of community financial management experts and  
8 the parents or guardians of students. The curriculum shall  
9 include, at a minimum, the following components:

10 (1) Providing an introduction to the financial planning  
11 process.

12 (2) Explaining the relationship between career and work  
13 factors and earning potential.

14 (3) Developing a personal spending and savings plan.

15 (4) Using and managing credit effectively.

16 (5) Describing risk management techniques and explaining  
17 the importance of protecting assets.

18 (6) Explaining the importance of saving and investing  
19 and the benefits of considering the time value of money when  
20 preparing a savings plan.

21 (7) Completing a personal financial plan.

22 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
23 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
24 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
25 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
26 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
27 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
28 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of  
29 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding  
30 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act  
31 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school  
32 districts.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill adds a one-half unit course in personal finance  
35 literacy to the educational program each school district

1 and accredited nonpublic school is required to offer in  
2 grades 9-12, and requires all students to take the course as  
3 a condition of graduation. The personal finance literacy  
4 curriculum must prioritize involvement of community financial  
5 management experts and the parents or guardians of students.  
6 The bill provides minimum components of the personal finance  
7 literacy curriculum.

8     The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
9 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of  
10 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
11 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
12 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
13 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate  
14 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The  
15 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the  
16 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state  
17 mandates included in the bill.